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## **FEDERAL RESERVE SYSTEM**

### **Agency Information Collection Activities: Announcement of Board**

### **Approval Under Delegated Authority and Submission to OMB**

**AGENCY:** Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System

**SUMMARY:** Notice is hereby given of the final approval of proposed information collections by the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System (Board) under OMB delegated authority, as per 5 CFR 1320.16 (OMB Regulations on Controlling Paperwork Burdens on the Public).

Board-approved collections of information are incorporated into the official OMB inventory of currently approved collections of information. Copies of the Paperwork Reduction Act Submission, supporting statements and approved collection of information instrument(s) are placed into OMB's public docket files. The Federal Reserve may not conduct or sponsor, and the respondent is not required to respond to, an information collection that has been extended, revised, or implemented on or after October 1, 1995, unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number.

### **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

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**Final approval under OMB delegated authority of the extension for three years, without revision, of the following report(s):**

*1. Report title:* Interagency Bank Merger Act Application.

*Agency form number:* FR 2070.

*OMB Control number:* 7100-0171.

*Frequency:* On occasion.

*Reporters:* State member banks.

*Estimated annual reporting hours:* Nonaffiliate Transactions: 1,680 hours;

Affiliate Transactions: 198 hours.

*Estimated average hours per response:* Nonaffiliate Transactions: 30 hours;

Affiliate Transactions: 18 hours.

*Number of respondents:* Nonaffiliate Transactions: 56; Affiliate

Transactions: 11.

*General description of report:* This information collection is required pursuant to section 18(c) of the Federal Deposit Insurance Act (12 U.S.C. § 1828(c)) and is not given confidential treatment. However, applicants may request that parts of a submitted application be kept confidential. In such cases, the burden is on the applicant to justify the exemption by

demonstrating that disclosure would cause substantial competitive harm or result in an unwarranted invasion of personal privacy or would otherwise qualify for an exemption under the Freedom of Information Act (5 U.S.C. § 552). The confidentiality status of the information submitted will be judged on a case-by-case basis.

*Abstract:* The Federal Reserve, the Office of the Comptroller of the Currency, and the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (the agencies) each use this application form to collect information for bank merger proposals that require prior approval under the Bank Merger Act. Prior approval is required for every merger transaction involving affiliated or nonaffiliated institutions and must be sought from the regulatory agency of the depository institution that would survive the proposed transaction. A merger transaction may include a merger, consolidation, assumption of deposit liabilities, or certain asset-transfers between or among two or more institutions. The Federal Reserve collects this information so that it may meet its statutory obligation of evaluating (with respect to every state member bank merger proposal) the competitive effects, the adequacy of the financial and managerial resources of the institutions involved, and the effect on the convenience and needs of the affected communities.

2. *Report title:* Interagency Notice of Change in Bank Control, Interagency Notice of Change in Director or Senior Executive Officer, and Interagency Biographical and Financial Report.

*Agency form number:* FR 2081a, FR 2081b, and FR 2081c.

*OMB control number:* 7100-0134.

*Frequency:* On occasion.

*Reporters:* Bank holding companies (BHCs), state member banks (SMBs), and certain of their officers and shareholders.

*Estimated annual reporting hours:* FR 2081a: 5,040 hours; FR 2081b: 618 hours; FR 2081c: 6,680 hours.

*Estimated average hours per response:* FR 2081a: 30 hours; FR 2081b: 2 hours; FR 2081c: 4 hours.

*Number of respondents:* FR 2081a: 168; FR 2081b: 309; FR 2081c: 1,670.

*General description of report:* The FR 2081a and FR 2081c are mandatory pursuant to section 7(j) of the Federal Deposit Insurance Act (12 U.S.C. § 1817(j)). The FR 2081b and FR 2081c are mandatory pursuant to section 914 of the Financial Institutions Reform, Recovery, and Enforcement Act (12 U.S.C. § 1831(i)). This information collection is not given confidential treatment. The organizations and individuals that use the forms may request that all or a portion of the submitted information be kept confidential. In such cases, the burden is on the filer to justify the

exemption by demonstrating that disclosure would cause substantial competitive harm or result in an unwarranted invasion of personal privacy or would otherwise qualify for an exemption under the Freedom of Information Act (5 U.S.C. § 552). The confidentiality status of the information submitted will be determined on a case-by-case basis.

*Abstract:* The information collected assists the Federal Reserve, the Office of the Comptroller of the Currency, and the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (the agencies) in fulfilling their statutory responsibilities as supervisors. Each of these forms is used to collect information in connection with applications and notices filed prior to proposed changes in the ownership or management of banking organizations. The agencies use the information to evaluate the controlling owners, senior officers, and directors of the insured depository institutions subject to their oversight. The information collected in an Interagency Notice of Change in Bank Control (FR 2081a) submitted to the Federal Reserve is provided by persons proposing to make significant investments in a BHC or SMB. The information collected in the Interagency Notice of Change in Director or Senior Executive Officer (FR 2081b) is required under Section 914 of the Financial Institutions Reform, Recovery, and Enforcement Act of 1989 (FIRREA) and is submitted to the Federal Reserve (under certain circumstances) by a BHC or SMB making changes in its board of directors

or senior executive officers. The Interagency Biographical and Financial Report (FR 2081c) is not a stand-alone reporting form; it is a companion reporting form to the FR 2081a and the FR 2018b (and to other Federal Reserve information collections) that is used to gather required information about the individuals involved in various applications and notices.

*Current Actions:* On September 12, 2014, the Federal Reserve published a notice in the Federal Register (79 FR 54720) requesting public comment for 60 days on the extension, without revision, of the Interagency Bank Merger Act Application; and of the Interagency Notice of Change in Bank Control, Interagency Notice of Change in Director or Senior Executive Officer, and Interagency Biographical and Financial Report. The comment period for this notice expired on November 12, 2014. The Federal Reserve did not receive any comments. The information collections will be extended as proposed.

Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, November 26,  
2014.

Robert deV. Frierson,  
Secretary of the Board.

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